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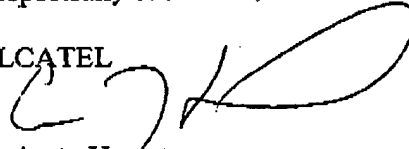
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 24 was erroneously omitted from the Amendment filed on January 6, 2004. As stated in that Amendment, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species II, Claims 6-24. In addition, Applicants cancel, without prejudice, Claims 1-5.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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